(c) & (d) National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) had organised a national conference on secondary education from 14-16, February, 2001 and Rs.3.00 lakhs were sanctioned to NIEPA for this Conference. NIEPA is a premier resource organisation fully funded by the Government. Its objectives include promotion of research in educational planning and administration, providing training and consultancy services, training and orientation of key level functionaries and senior administrators from the Centre and States and to collaborate with other agencies in the education sector.

Setting up of Astrology Institute

4367. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish an Astrology Institute in the name of Prithvi Raj Chauhan, to impart under-graduate and post-graduate level courses at the university level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the grant proposed to be given for a suitable memorial for Prithvi Raj Chauhan for his heroism and valour against the aggressors?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), there is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Urdu Education

†4368 SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for development of Urdu education in the country;

(b) the names of districts and blocks in Bihar that have been provided funds by Government for Urdu education;

(c) whether Muzaffarpur district of the State has been provided economic assistance for Urdu education; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.